REMARKS

Claims 1, 12, 32, 37, and 43 have been amended. Claims 1-23, 25-43, 46, and 47 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be forwarded on to issuance.

Interview Summary

Applicant's Representative, Lance Sadler, wishes to thank Examiner Jamie Vent for the telephone interview conducted on September 20th, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's Representative and the Examiner discussed the Vallone reference as well as the other references of record. Examiner Vent understood Applicant's argument that Vallone teaches away from the claims because Vallone converts all input streams into MPEG streams (for example, see Figure 1 of Vallone). But, Examiner Vent suggested that Applicant amend the claims to further distinguish the claims from the Vallone reference.

Applicant sent Examiner Vent a proposed amendment that was consistent with Examiner Vent's suggestions. Examiner Vent stated that the proposed amendment would overcome the art of record, but indicated that the allowance of the claims is subject to an additional search. Accordingly, Applicant has amended all of the independent claims in a manner that is consistent with the proposed amendment that was sent to Examiner Vent.

Applicant respectfully requests a phone call if the Examiner thinks there are any further issues that might delay issuance. Applicant greatly appreciates Examiner Vent's willingness to assist Applicant in advancing prosecution.

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Conclusion

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All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowability. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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